

Letter from Mabel Hubbard Bell to Alexander Graham Bell, September 2, 1906, with transcript

Letter from Mrs. Alexander Graham Bell to Dr. Alexander Graham Bell. 1331 Connecticut Avenue, Washington, D. C. Sunday, Sept. 2, 1906. Dear Alec:

The baby gained an ounce yesterday but lost it again this morning and David has sent for Dr. Bull of Baltimore in consultation. I like the way David is determined to do the best for his baby without wasting time in the hope that it will get alright. He wants to be sure that there is not something else to do. Don't telegraph them or me for they might see the telegram and of course it is of the utmost importance that they should not be worried more than necessary as they would be if they knew I had written you. The baby had a bad attack of colic last night, but got quiet afterwards and slept well and is comfortable now, but it's bowels are not right.

David is shut up with a fit of writing and is writing all over the country trying to stir up people about the Smithsonian. He is a very interesting man and throws himself so wholesouedly into all that interests him at the moment. He has sewed collars into all his baby's shirts to make them nice and soft and won't let the baby wear it's cotton slips as he thinks the edges are too rough for the little neck when there is a rash.

I want to see the baby really started on the high road to proper growth before I leave and I want also to take Mamma north. She is depending on my doing so and I feel that unless you were ill it is my duty as well as my pleasure to stay with her. Still Gracie can take my place any day and Mamma is perfectly well, only tired 2 and feeling the heat and burden of housekeeping, so you must let me know just when you need me.

Grace is home. She says she had such a good time with you and that Gracie enjoyed you so much, especially one evening when she staid up listening to you until two o'clock.

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Grace spoke of Mr. Baldwin's admiration for you, he thinks you something tremendous. You see this is sincere for he has evidently been expressing himself in strong terms.

I am going to send you the Star with a notice of the baby's arrival, it is in the Sept. 1st Society column.

Much love to you. Our funds are running low, but the July dividend of the Trust has not been paid. I will ask to have it transferred to our current account and this will cover your draft of \$2000.00 and still leave something for current expenses. Please send the baby a nest egg.

Your loving Mabel.